

Voices for a Drug-Free Clark County:

The purpose of the Clark County Alcohol & Drug Speakers Bureau is to help the Clark County community talk about alcohol and drugs and reach a better understanding of alcohol and drug issues. It offers a chance to learn more about prevention, addiction, treatment, and recovery.

The Alcohol & Drug Speakers Bureau was established with the belief that a well-informed community can take action to prevent and treat chemical dependency and other problems associated with substance abuse.

To learn more about specific alcohol and drug issues, consider inviting a member of the Clark County Alcohol & Drug Speakers Bureau to come speak at your next meeting or event.



Please visit the Clark County Alcohol and Drug Speakers Bureau on the Web at:
<http://www.clark.wa.gov/commserv/alcohol/speakers/index.htm>



For more information, contact:
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 Alcohol and Drug Program
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**Alcohol, drugs, addiction,
 treatment, recovery,
 prevention...
 Let's talk about it.**

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Created to inform the community about alcohol and drug issues, The Clark County Alcohol and Drug Speakers Bureau, "Voices for a Drug-Free Clark County," is a group of about 20 knowledgeable and experienced people who donate their time to serve the community by sharing their personal experience and professional expertise on alcohol and drug issues. Speakers include chemical dependency professionals, directors of treatment facilities, a school intervention specialist, community members in recovery from addiction or recovering from a family member's addiction, and representatives from drug court, corrections, law enforcement, the Substance Abuse Advisory Board, and more.

Target Audiences:

The Clark County Alcohol and Drug Speakers Bureau is a great resource for any community group interested in learning more about alcohol, drugs, addiction, prevention, and treatment. Civic groups, schools, neighborhood associations, church groups, business organizations, labor groups, and community service groups are all encouraged

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to take advantage of the speakers bureau for its bank of knowledge on the alcohol and drug issues that are critical concerns in the community.

How to Access the Speakers Bureau:

For a complete list of speakers see <http://www.clark.wa.gov/commserv/alcohol/speakers/index.htm> Contact information for each speaker is listed so that community groups can contact the speaker directly to schedule an engagement. If you do not have access to the Internet or if you require help selecting the best speaker for your needs, please call 360-397-2130.

Topics:

Speakers share information on a variety of alcohol and drug related topics including (but not limited to) the following:

- Addiction and co-occurring mental illness (dual diagnosis)
- Advocacy and activism
- Alcohol, drugs, & the family
- Alcohol, drugs, & the workplace
- Alcohol, drugs, & youth
- Community attitudes & norms related to alcohol and drugs
- Community resources (treatment options)
- Consequences of use (impact on health, social & psychological impact, etc).
- Current trends in drug use
- Drug court
- How to communicate about alcohol & drugs

- Innovative approaches to treatment
- Interventions and motivation for change
- Stigma and prejudice against recovering people
- Patient rights
- Prevention
- Recovery issues, including relapse prevention/dealing with relapse
- Risk & protective factors
- Role of law enforcement related to alcohol and drugs
- Signs & symptoms of use
- Specific substances of abuse including tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and other drugs
- Spirituality and recovery
- Stories of personal experience
- The relationship between substance abuse & other social problems
- Treatment for youth
- Treatment methods, how treatment works
- Why people use alcohol and drugs
- Women's issues in treatment

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